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1. The following hospitals are presently serving the needs of all types of patients:

University Hospital, P'yongyang, in Yonhwa-dong

Rumanian Hospital, Chinnampo¹

Hungarian Hospital, Sariwon.²

2. To receive medical or dental care in North Korea, a patient must report to the registrar of the hospital serving his locality. After presenting his documents, the patient will be given a consultation ticket which authorizes him to see a doctor. Although doctor fees are very small, good drugs are scarce and expensive. Priority is given to high government officials in the use of valuable anti-biotics.

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1. Radio P'yongyang reported on February 3, 1955, that the Fifth Rumanian Medical Team which arrived in Wampo last June was treating patients at the South P'yongan Provincial Central Hospital. The Hospital has a bed capacity of 400 and 12 consultation rooms. It was reported that 80,000 out-patients and in-patients had been treated since the arrival of the team. Lung, nerve, and other surgery was reported.
2. Radio P'yongyang, 18 June 1955, reported that the Seventh Hungarian Medical Mission was working in the Central Hospital of North Hwanghae Province.

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